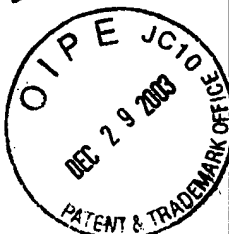


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DATA TRANSFERS**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-14, 16 and 21-24, classified in Class 365, Subclass 233;

Group II: Claims 17-20, classified in Class 365, Subclass 230.06.

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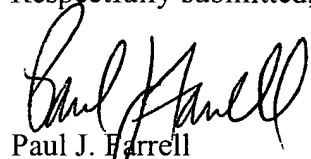
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In complete and timely response to the Office Action, Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, Group I for prosecution on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below. Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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